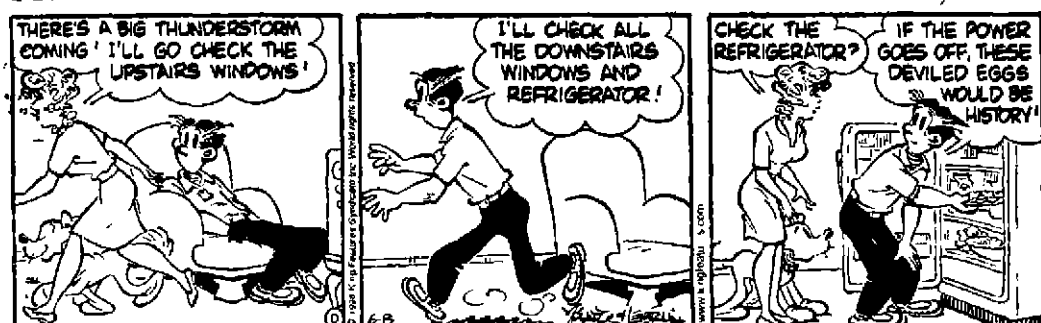


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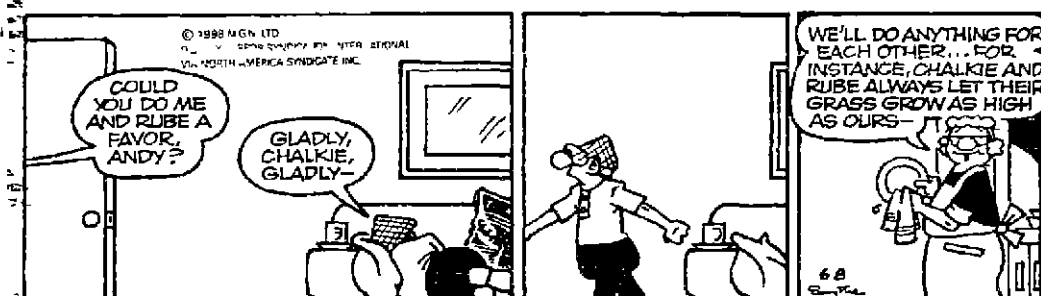
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9 CHICKWEED LANE



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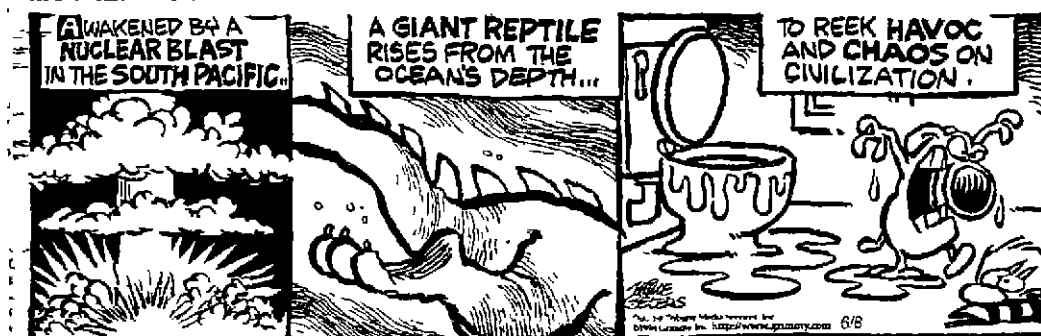
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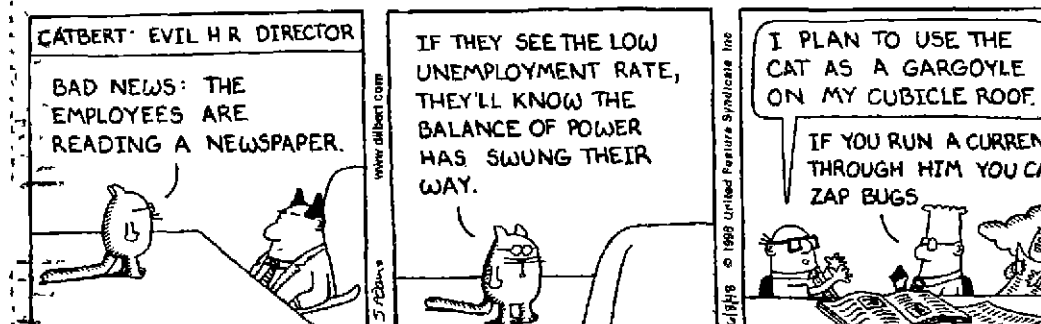
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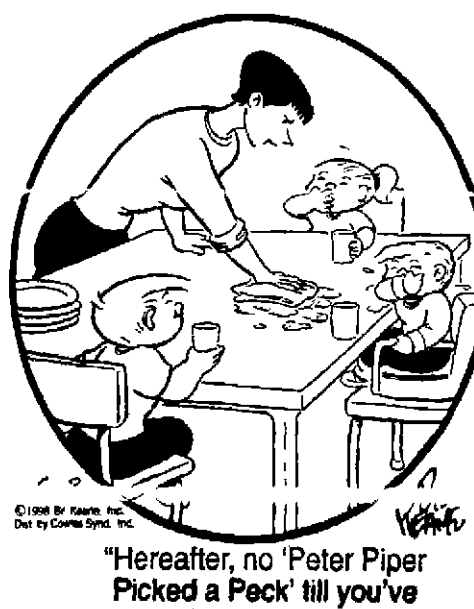
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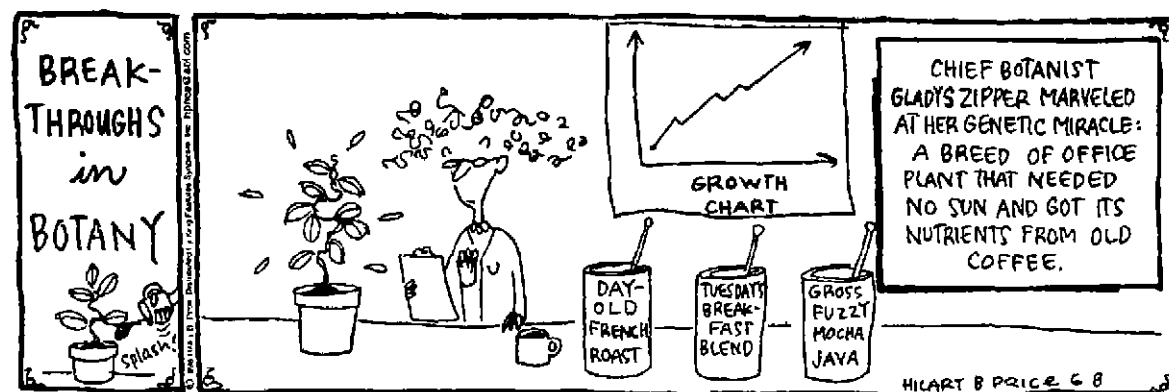
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FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

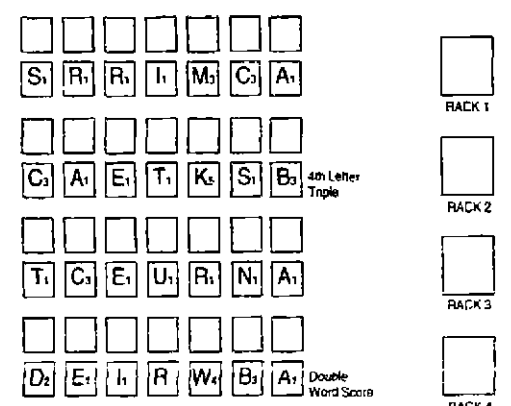
Comedian **Joan Rivers** is 65 Actor **James Darren** is 69 Singer **Nancy Sinatra** is 53 Musician **Boyz Scaggs** is 54 Actor **Don Grady** ("My Three Sons") is 54 Singer **Bonnie Tyler** is 45 Actor-director **Keenan Ivory Wayans** is 40 Singer **Mick Hucknall** (Simply Red) is 38. Musician **Nick Rhodes** (Duran Duran) is 36 Rhythm-and-blues singer **Doris Pearson** (Five Star) is 32 Actress **Julianna Margulies** is 31

I NEED HELP



Bill Gates strikes out.

SCRABBLE



DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). **JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW** 6-8

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

-Chair

S F B Y U R O K H D A X U O N
K H E B Y V S P M J H E B Y V
T Q O L I G S D B C B Y W T R
P M K I F D B R Y A W U S R Q
P O S M N K I E O P S F E D B
Z M E W X W G G G T U K R S Q
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Saturday's unlisted clue HANOI

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Monday's unlisted clue hint: AN OUTDOOR CHAIR.

Adirondack Camp Director's Swivel
Arm Captain's Easy Wicker
Barber Desk High Wing
Basket Dining Lounge

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For solution, see Classified.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Greed got the best of East in his defense against today's game. He saw a chance for a two-trick set if he could find an ace in partner's hand. Meanwhile, his overreaching cost him a good chance to beat the game one unselfish trick. Note North's bidding. His cue-bid of two hearts promised a good hand and asked South for further definition. When South merely rebid his spade suit, North's raise asked him to "look again." South then re-evaluated his holding and bid the game. West led fourth best in partner's suit, and East took his king. Oblivious to the bidding, East cashed his heart ace and switched to his singleton club. When West didn't win the ace, East tried diamonds after he won his trump ace. West didn't have that ace either, and South escaped with his vulnerable game. Had East paid heed to the bidding, he would have found the best defense. Had West held an ace, he might well have found a heart raise. Looking at it another way, where did South find his push to game without the two missing aces? Suppressing his zeal for a two-trick set, East should switch to his singleton club after he wins his heart king. When he wins his trump ace, he boldly underleads his heart ace. West wins his 10, and the club return nets the defenders a one-trick set. When the bidding places few high cards in partner's hand, it's better to hope he has a queen rather than an ace.

NORTH 06-08-A
▲ K 9 6
♥ 7 4
♦ K Q 10 6
♣ K Q 8 7

WEST 4-2
♥ Q 10 6 2
♦ 4 2
♣ J 10 9 4 3

EAST ▲ A 5 3
♥ A K J 9 5
♦ J 8 7 3
♣ 2

Vulnerable: Both

Dealer: East

The bidding
East 1♥ South 2♥ West 2♥ North 3♥
Pass 1♠ Pass 2♠
Pass 4♠ All pass

Opening lead: Heart deuce

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

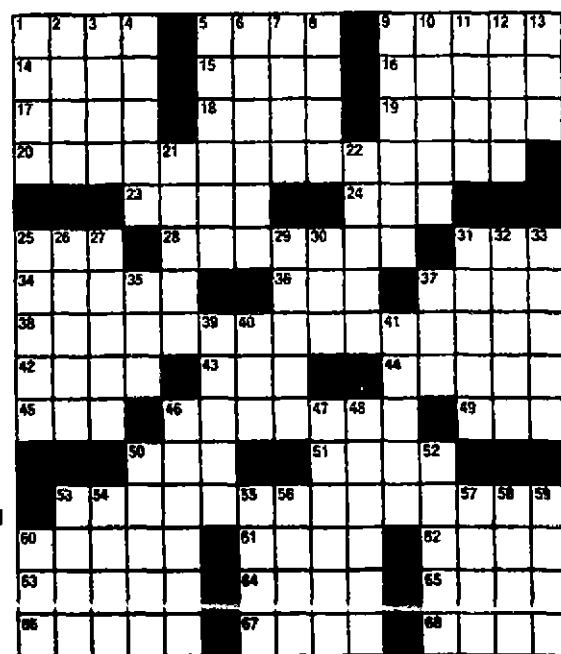
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ACROSS

- 1 Send overnight, for example
- 5 Hat's edge
- 9 Chin indentation
- 14 "— girl"
- 15 Deftness
- 16 Consumer Reports employee, e.g.
- 17 Hunt
- 18 Garage sale warning
- 19 Little — (part of the Big Apple)
- 20 Undergoing severe trials
- 23 Any of the Antilles
- 24 Scouting unit
- 25 Pharmaceutical watchdog grp.
- 26 Announces with fanfare
- 31 Lawyer's Abbr.
- 34 Fencing move
- 36 "— dare to eat a peach?" Eliot
- 37 Estate division
- 38 Sick
- 42 Abound
- 43 Triple jump feature
- 44 High schoolers
- 45 Stalom curve
- 46 "25 words or less" event
- 48 H.S.T.'s successor
- 50 The "F" in F.Y.I.
- 51 With 7-Down, statement at a do-or-die moment
- 53 Ceaselessly
- 60 Remove dishes from
- 61 DeWitt Clinton's canal
- 62 Persia, today
- 63 Cooks in a caldron
- 64 Ancient Briton
- 65 Diligence
- 66 Pick up on
- 67 Easy throw
- 68 "What — can I say?"

DOWN

- 1 Awestruck
- 2 Four Corners state
- 3 Swizzle
- 4 Vietnam's capital
- 5 Snoopy, for one
- 6 Bacon serving
- 7 See 51 Across
- 8 Intertwine
- 9 Woody Allen's — and
- 10 Mr. Chips's class in "Goodbye, Mr. Chips"
- 11 Abbr. at the end of a list
- 12 Collapsed
- 13 Sample
- 20 Depressed
- 21 Hankered (for)
- 22 The way things are going
- 23 To the point
- 24 Turquoise or topaz
- 27 Broke bread
- 29 Hose feature
- 30 Sweetie
- 41 Room at the top
- 42 English Lit., e.g.
- 47 High standards
- 48 Bed covers
- 50 Mares' young
- 51 Bread serving
- 52 Burn balm
- 54 Bridle strap
- 55 Part of U.S.D.A.
- 56 Tom, Dick and Harry, e.g.
- 57 Mouth-to-mouth
- 58 Mercury and Saturn, for instance
- 59 On bended
- 60 "60 Minutes" network



Puzzle by Gregory E. Paul

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

REAR GUARD GIN
INDOOR POOL INDE
CRAWLSPACE NCAR
EON DAI RESOVS
SLAB MATT PEGS
OPINER ANNES
BALOON DEI GIVE
ELISION SHORTER

YETER DOMINO
VERO ADIN TOSH
MERITS ITCH LIA
UNGO EXOTIC LENS
LAAA PETERBOGT
WGGG NEMERUSGO

- 22 Jockey Arcaro
- 23 "Peter and the Wolf" bird
- 26 Desert features
- 27 Peruvian peaks
- 28 Skillful

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